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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 22828

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TH

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT  
THROUGH PDO

1. DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS ON EX-CAMBODIAN AND EX-VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED HERE BY MACTHAI THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS PROVIDED THAT SOME 36 AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE SOLD IN THAILAND THROUGH THE DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL OFFICE. THIRTEEN OF THE ABOVE 36 AIRCRAFT ARE FLYABLE EX-KAF AND EX-VNAF MAP-SUPPLIED C-47'S. THE REST ARE PRIMARILY COMBAT TYPE AIRCRAFT, MOST OF WHICH CAN BE SOLD ONLY AS SCRAP METAL.

2. NONE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RTG HAS CONTEMPLATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANY OF THESE AIRCRAFT MIGHT PASS INTO PRIVATE HANDS AND REMAIN IN THAILAND IN FLYABLE CONDITION. THIS COULD ADD A NEW AND PERPLEXING DIMENSION TO THE DILEMMA ALREADY FACING THE RTG IN DEALING WITH HANOI (AND POTENTIALLY PHNOM PENH) ON THIS MATTER. UP TO NOW, IN FENDING OFF HANOI, THE THAIS HAVE AT LEAST BEEN ABLE TO FALL BACK ON THE EXCUSE THAT TWO SOVEREIGN STATES CLAIMED TITLE TO THE PLANES, THUS, IN EFFECT, FREEZING THEM IN PLACE.

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3. THE THAI SUPREME COMMAND HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE  
TO ACQUIRE THE THIRTEEN C-47 AIRCRAFT FOR THE  
THAI ARMED FORCES THROUGH MAP REDISTRIBUTABLE PROCEDURES,  
WHEREBY THE U.S. WOULD STILL RETAIN RESIDUAL TITLE.  
WE REQUEST THAT THESE AIRCRAFT BE GIVEN TO THE RTG UNDER MAPEX  
PROCEDURES, AT NO COST TO THE RTG, ON THE CONDITION THAT THE  
AIRCRAFT BE ACCEPTED QUOTE AS IS AND WHERE IS UNQUOTE.

4. THE REMAINING AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE SOLD  
EITHER AS SCRAP MATERIAL OR, IF FOR USE AS AIRCRAFT,  
ON CONDITION THAT THEY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THAILAND  
IMMEDIATELY. THE PROCEDURES USED IN SELLING  
THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE SUCH AS TO AVOID PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
OF THEIR ORIGIN.  
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